

SENATE RESOLUTION 23

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clinton Davis Gooch of Oakland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Clinton Davis Gooch of Oakland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, honorably answering the call to military service, Mr. Gooch rendered sterling service during World War II in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Gooch served with acumen and alacrity as a foreman at the Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Department, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch was a man of deep faith and a devout member of the Bartlett Woods Church of Christ, where he served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, a former resident of Bartlett, Clinton Gooch found meaning in the simple pleasures of life, collecting antiques, building clocks, tending to his garden, and spending time with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-five years, Joyce Gooch, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Sherri "Memee" and John Bowen and Brett Gooch; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned, but fondly remembered by his grandsons, Anthony Williams and Joshua Dodd, and his great-grandson, Skyler Williams; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Gooch will also be sorely missed by his sister, Linda Burbank; his brother, Richard Gooch; his sister-in-law, Mary Sellers; his brother-in-law, Robert Smith; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Clinton Davis Gooch, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gooch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.